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TWO CHARGED WITH ROBBERY OF THE FIRST KANSAS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY IN EDGERTON, KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Carrie Lynn Slater**, 39, Burstow, California, and **Anthony DeWayne McNeil**, 23, Kansas City, Kansas, were charged today with one count of armed bank robbery.

Melgren said that Slater and McNeil were arrested on June 17, 2004, at approximately 10:13 a.m. on Interstate 35 in Johnson County, Kansas, and will make their initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge James P. O'Hara in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kansas, today at 2:30 p.m.

A complaint filed with the Court alleges that on June 17, 2004, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Slater drove to Edgerton, Kansas, along with McNeil and a juvenile, in her maroon Tahoe. The complaint alleges that Slater entered the First Kansas Bank and Trust Company and talked with a teller about opening an account for her son. The complaint further alleges that Slater left the bank and provided McNeil and the juvenile the lay-out of the building. The complaint alleges that a few minutes later Slater dropped McNeil and the juvenile off near the bank and waited in the rear parking lot while McNeil and the juvenile used handguns to rob the bank of an undisclosed amount of currency and checks.

If convicted, Slater and McNeil each face a maximum of twenty-five years in federal prison without parole. Any charges against the juvenile would be filed by the Johnson County District Attorney's Office in Johnson County District Court.

The case was investigated by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask. As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.